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The Honorable Vernon Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re:

Finance Docket No. 34672, Union Pacific Railroad Company -- Acquisition and Operation Exemption -- Line of the BNSF

Railway Company

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing in reference to FD 34672, Union Pacific Railroad Company -- Acquisition and Operation Exemption -- Line of BNSF Railway Company. By this letter, Union Pacific Railroad Company hereby voluntarily withdraws its Petition for Exemption in this matter and requests that no further action be taken on this Petition. Voluntary withdrawal also renders moot the related Motion to Dismiss filed by the City of Sikeston dated August 14, 2006, and the City of Sikeston's discovery requests dated August 18, 2006.

In light of the pressing need to address capacity issues along the corridor at issue in this proceeding, Union Pacific has decided that this project is no longer viable given the amount of time that this proceeding appears likely to take. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Morgan

LJM/vsf

cc: Counsel for the City of Sikeston